Revision of text books

2892. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to review and revise text books especially -of history and other social sciences and humanities so as to remove the objectionable material from these books; and

(b) what guidelines, if any, have been issued by the Central Government to the State Governments to undertake similar steps and to what extent these guidelines have been accepted and implemented by them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Government of India bad through the National Council of Educational Research and Training initiated in 1981 a programme of evaluation of school textbooks to identify and eliminate materials and approaches which may directly or indirectly perpetuate communalism, casteism, regionalism, racialism. To be gin with, this programme was confined to (History textbooks rind languages. It has 'been completed in almost all the States/ Union Territories.

In 1985, in the second phase, Statesf Union Territories have been requested to undertake this programme in Geography, Civics. Sociology, Economics, etc. The programme is at various stages of implementation. The States/Union Territories have also been requested t° have a bulletin system for continuous evaluation of textbooks as pan of the system of textbook preperation and development.

As the University level, the University Grants Commission has issued guidelines . to Universities for reviewing prescribed textbooks and other reading material in History and other subjects so that an unbiased and balanced interpretation of Indian ghoulu emergo to strengthen the basic principles of unity and integrii and the secular character of the Indie society.

Government accommodation to railvva employees

2893. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS b pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of em ployees working in the Department o Railways, including Zonal railways (zone wise) working for more than ten/fifteen/ . twenty years who have not been allotted Government accommodation/railway quar ters so far;

(b) how many of them have their own bouses at the place of posting and how many are having such ' accommodation or Power of Attorney basis; and

(c) whether Government propose t° allot accommodation on priority basis to the employees, who neither own accommodation on ownership basis nor on Power of Attorney basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and -will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Medical Universities in the country

2894. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish Medical Universities in the country; and

(b) what are the names of the States having Medical Universities at present?

THE MINISTER OF, STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH *IN* THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROI KHA-PARDE): (a) The Medical • Education Review Committee had recommended that the Central and State Governments should establish Universities of Health Sciences in ortier to bring about coordination between various educational and training institutions of the modern and various Indian Systems of Medicine, Nurses, Pharmacy, etc.